

Department of State Lands

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The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session by teleconference on October 12, 2021. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

State Land Board

Kate Brown Governor

Present were:

Kate Brown

Governor

Shemia Fagan **Tobias Read**

Secretary of State State Treasurer

Shemia Fagan Secretary of State

Land Board Assistants

Jason Miner Molly Woon

Ryan Mann

Governor's Office

Secretary of State's Office State Treasurer's Office

Tobias Read State Treasurer

Department Staff

Vicki Walker Arin Smith

Bill Ryan Jean Straight Lani Ahmadian

Ted Bright Ali Ryan Hansen Liane O'Neill

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, the Board presented its annual awards. Governor Brown gave a brief history of the awards before they were presented.

- Stream Project Award: Opal Springs Volitional Fish Passage Project
- Wetland Award: Jackson-Frazier Wetland Long Term Habitat Restoration
- Partnership Awards:
 - Team Award: The Oregon Tide Gate Partnership
 - Catalyst Award: Tracie-Lynn Nadeau and Yvonne Vallette, U.S. **Environmental Protection Agency**

Governor Brown called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. The topics discussed and the results of those discussions are listed below. To view the Land Board (Board) meeting in its entirety, please visit our YouTube page: October 12, 2021 Land Board Meeting

Consent Items

1. Minutes

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2021, Land Board meeting.

Secretary Fagan seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:22 a.m.

2. Request for approval to initiate due diligence for a potential direct sale of 0.7 acres of filled land on the Astoria waterfront in Clatsop County.

Secretary Fagan made a motion to approve the consent item. Treasurer Read seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:25 a.m.

3. Request for approval to initiate due diligence for a potential exchange of land at West Hayden Island in Multnomah County with the Port of Portland.

Treasurer Read made a motion to approve the consent item. Secretary Fagan seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:28 a.m.

Action Items

4. Request for approval to initiate due diligence for a potential direct sale of the Cline Butte Tract, six tax lots totaling 400 acres located near Cline Falls Road and Eagle Crest Resort in Deschutes County.

Governor Brown made a motion to initiate due diligence for the sale.

Secretary Fagan commented that she supports due diligence and noted that there is significant public interest around this item. She looks forward to learning more about the interest of all parties so the Board is better able to make an informed decision at a future meeting.

Treasurer Read commented that he supports the motion and expects extensive due diligence and robust opportunities for public engagement, including that of the surrounding landowners and Tribes. He stated that the Department should take a careful look at how this significant proposal impacts our obligations to the Common School Fund. He looks forward to viewing the analysis on the value, potential use, presence of mineral and energy resources, cultural resources, and endangered species on the land as well as the impact on water usage.

Governor Brown commented that she agrees with both the Secretary and Treasurer regarding the need for due diligence.

The motion was approved at 10:38 a.m.

Informational

5. South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Annual Report 10:38 a.m.

Director Walker introduced Bree Yednock, Manager of South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR) to give an overview of the annual report which highlights the accomplishments of the Reserve over the last year.

Treasurer Read asked about lessons learned from the challenges of the pandemic, particularly with education and outreach efforts, and what new processes may be initiated once restrictions are lifted.

6. Aquatic Resource Management Program Annual Report 10:58 a.m.

Deputy Director Bill Ryan reviewed highlights of the annual report which provides summary information regarding the management of state-owned waterways for the 2021 Fiscal Year and fulfills the annual report requirements in the state's removal-fill law ORS 196-885. Potential fee changes were also presented.

Treasurer Read requested further detail regarding the financial aspect of the program and its relationship to the Common School Fund.

Governor Brown suggested that stakeholder engagement be completed over the next 15 months with discussion on how to better support the Common School Fund within this program.

7. Common School Fund Annual Report

11:15 a.m.

Director Walker introduced John Hershey, Senior Investment Officer with Oregon State Treasury to present the Common School Fund annual report.

The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with a year-end summary for Fiscal Year 2021.

Comments were taken from the Board recognizing John's work on the report.

8. Other

12:32 a.m.

Director Walker gave an update on the Edge Cable project in Tierra del Mar.

Comments were taken from Treasurer Read.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Kate Brown, Governor

Vicki L. Walker, Director